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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 24, 2010

The Honorable Hilda Solis
Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Solis:

On November 18, 2010, Lockheed Martin announced plans to close its manufacturing facility in Eagan, Minnesota. This facility produces essential military equipment and employs more than 1,000 highly-skilled workers. For more than 40 years, Lockheed Martin has been a solid corporate citizen, but they are not immune to the many challenges shared by businesses across the country during these tough economic times. Their announcement suggests 1,000 jobs in Eagan will either be eliminated or moved to other parts of the country by 2013, with layoffs beginning as early as next year.

I am deeply concerned by the implications of closing the Eagan facility. Job loss of this magnitude not only threatens the economic well-being of the workers currently employed at the facility, it also threatens the economic well-being of the broader Eagan community and the state of Minnesota.

Given the gravity of this situation, I respectfully request you give this matter your immediate attention and ensure all appropriate resources of the U.S. Department of Labor are immediately made available to assist the affected workers. It is imperative all government agencies work together to facilitate a seamless and effective response. Therefore, I ask you to coordinate the Department's efforts with the appropriate state and local government officials to ensure affected workers receive the assistance they need in a timely manner.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I welcome your assistance in addressing the economic concerns this situation presents for the residents of my district and state. I look forward to hearing from you what steps the Department has taken to assist the workers of Eagan, Minnesota and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Kline".

John Kline
Senior Republican Member